

Town of Winhall Selectboard
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, January 15, 2025

PRESENT: Stuart Coleman; Bill Schwartz; Julie Isaacs (Absent); Lucia Wing (Secretary); Lissa Stark (Absent); Trevor Dryden (Roads); Scott Bushee (Facilities), Elizabeth Grant (Town Clerk)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Chrissy Carroccio, Mike Cole

CALL TO ORDER: Coleman called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM at the Town Hall in Bondville.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: TOWN ROAD MAP:

Chrissy Carroccio came before the Selectboard recommending they send Vtrans a letter to delete Highway 19 incorrectly depicted on the “Winhall Road Map with Town Highway Numbers.” Highway 19 (approx. 850 feet located between the Access Road and Route 30) had been discontinued by the Selectboard many years prior; documentation was submitted. After further discussion, *Schwartz made the motion authorizing the Town Administrator to contact VTrans immediately to correct the Winhall Road Map produced by Jeff Nugent of the Windham Regional Commission; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Dryden reported the Highwood Road cul-de-sac snow removal matter had been resolved; a homeowner had been concerned that snow plowed by the Highway crew had blocked his driveway. After discussion about hiring an engineering firm to review the Winhall Hollow Road bridge near John Spencer @ \$24,000 and review the intersection of Benson Fuller and Upper Taylor Hill @\$25,000, *Schwartz made the motion to proceed with the engineering study on Winhall Hollow right away; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.* Dryden reported Town plows needed some repair and the bucket loader had been repaired. Dryden reported the Highway Crew had used much salt & sand recently for Town road maintenance due to the abundance of snow.

ACCESS PERMITS: (None)

Discussion followed about a homeowner’s concern about the continued misspelling of “Rogues Ridge.” Scott Bushee, 911 Coordinator added, Moose Hollow and Rogues Ridge had not been assigned new 911 numbers as there were discrepancies about road ownership.

TRANSFER STATION REPORT:

Bushee reported the Transfer Station was status quo and mostly quiet. He had increased refrigerator removal prices as discussed; the Town Garage door had been repaired; the loader had been fixed. Bushee and the Selectboard discussed mowing the cemetery bank and potential Winhall tax payer concerns as the bank was part of the State Highway ROW and not owned by Winhall; Julie Isaacs had pruned the lilacs recently at no cost; the Cemetery continued to provide the mowing.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) After review, *Schwartz made the motion to appoint the Town Administrator the “Ethics Liaison” for the Town of Winhall; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

- 2) The Selectboard discussed the purchase of recording devices to comply with Vermont’s Open Meeting Law. All municipal boards were now required to record their meetings via audio or video and post it for (30) days.

HOUSING/WASTEWATER UPDATE: FYI

TOWN MEETING WARNING/ARTICLES:

Articles had been approved; as a result of a signed petition to increase the Selectboard from (3) to (5) members an additional Article would be voted on at Town Meeting. The Town Clerk added she would like to review the Town Report before it went to print.

STR ORDINANCE UPDATE:

Schwartz reported the STR Ordinance appeal period was over on 1/17/25 at which time an RFP would go out to hire an STR Administrator.

TOWN CLERK UPDATE:

The Town Clerk advised the Selectboard that as Service Officer for the Town of Winhall, and though not paid for those services, she intended to keep track of her hours which would be reflected on her timesheet. She also mentioned that NEMRC had been causing difficulties with the cloud and frequently computers shut down. She added she kept a printed log book for those circumstances.

ADMINISTRATIVE/ CORRESPONDENCE: FYI

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES:

The meeting minutes of 1/1/25 were tabled until the following meeting.

WARRANTS:

After review, the Selectboard approved warrant 1/15/25 as presented; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Coelman; unanimous.*

Lucia Wing,
Secretary Winhall Selectboard

Stuart Coleman, Chair

William Schwartz, Vice-Chair

Julie Isaacs, Member